

PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY

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CONVENTION ON THE PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY

The Governments represented at the Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Peace,

Cognizant of the fact that the primary purpose of the Inter-American Conference is the strengthening of the bonds of friendship already existing between the countries of this Continent;

Convinced that direct and material contact between the American peoples necessarily would strengthen those bonds, consolidating therefore the peace of the Continent;

Knowing that the general welfare will be greater when there is greater facility for the exchange of the products of said countries;

Considering, finally, that one of the most adequate and efficient means for the attainment of the moral and material end aimed at jointly by the American Republics, is the termination of a highway which establishes a permanent communication between their respective territories,

Have decided to conclude a convention on that subject and for such purpose, have appointed the following plenipotentiaries:

Argentina:

CARLOS SAAVEDRA LAMAS,

ROBERTO M. ORTIZ,

MIGUEL ANGEL CÁRCANO,

FELIPE A. ESPIL,

LEOPOLDO MELO,

ISIDORO RUIZ MORENO,

DANIEL ANTOKOLETZ,

CARLOS BREBBIA,

CÉSAR DÍAZ CISNEROS.

Paraguay:

MIGUEL ANGEL SOLER,

J. ISIDRO RAMÍREZ.

¹ Date of deposit of second instrument of ratification.

Honduras:

ANTONIO BERMÚDEZ M.,
JULÁN LÓPEZ PINEDA.

Uruguay:

JOSÉ ESPALTER,
PEDRO MANINI RÍOS,
EUGENIO MARTÍNEZ THEDY,
JUAN ANTONIO BUERO,
FELIPE FERREIRO,
ANDRÉS F. PUYOL,
ABALCÁZAR GARCÍA,
JOSÉ G. ANTUÑA,
JULIO CÉSAR CERDEIRAS ALONSO,
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MODESTO VALLE.

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ALBERTO LLERAS CAMARGO,
JOSÉ IGNACIO DÍAZ GRANADOS.

Panama:

HARMODIO ARIAS M.,
JULIO J. FÁBREGA,
EDUARDO CHIARI.

United States of America:

CORDELL HULL,
SUMNER WELLES,
ALEXANDER W. WEDDELL,
ADOLF A. BERLE, Jr.,
ALEXANDER F. WHITNEY,
CHARLES G. FENWICK,
MICHAEL FRANCIS DOYLE,
ELISE F. MUSSER.

Venezuela:

CARACCILO PARRA PÉREZ,
GUSTAVO HERRERA,
ALBERTO ZÉREGA FOMBONA.

Peru:

CARLOS CONCHA,
ALBERTO ULLOA,
FELIPE BARREDA LAOS,
DIÓMEDES ARIAS SCHREIBER.

El Salvador:

MANUEL CASTRO RAMÍREZ,
MAXIMILIANO PATRICIO BRANNON.

Mexico:

FRANCISCO CASTILLO NÁJERA,
ALFONSO REYES,
RAMÓN BETETA,
JUAN MANUEL ALVAREZ DEL
CASTILLO.

Brazil:

JOSÉ CARLOS DE MACEDO SOARES,
OSWALDO ARANHA,
JOSÉ DE PAULA RODRÍGUES ALVES
HELIO LOBO,
HILDEBRANDO POMPEU PINTO
ACCIOLY,
EDMUNDO DA LUZ PINTO,
ROBERTO CARNEIRO DE
MENDONÇA
ROSALINA COELHO LISBOA DE
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Bolivia:

DAVID ALVÉSTEGUI,
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 ALBERTO CORTADELLAS,
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 JOSÉ MANUEL CARBONELL.

Who, after exhibiting their Full Powers, found to be in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

Art. 1. The High Contracting Parties agree to collaborate, with all diligence and by all adequate means, in the speedy completion of a Pan American Highway, which will permit at all times the transit of motor vehicles.

Art. 2. The High Contracting Parties shall form a Commission of technical experts with the object of coordinating the work of the different governments and also to complete the studies and formulate the necessary projects in those countries which, not having heretofore completed this work, may need the cooperation of the Commission.

Art. 3. Immediately after ratifying the present Convention, the High Contracting Parties shall consult among each other with a view to appointing a financial committee composed of the representatives of three of the ratifying Governments. This Committee shall study the problems concerning the speedy completion of the Pan American Highway, and within a period not more than six months from the date of its constitution shall submit a detailed report for the consideration of the Governments, accompanied by a plan for the solution of said problems.

Art. 4. Finally the High Contracting Parties bind themselves to establish or designate at once in their respective territories at least one permanent public office, for the purpose of giving information on the work in progress, the sections of the Highway which are passable, the local transit regulations and

all other information which nationals and tourists of the signatory countries may require.

Art. 5. The present Convention shall not affect obligations previously entered into by the High Contracting Parties by virtue of international agreements.

Art. 6. The present Convention shall be ratified by the High Contracting Parties in conformity with their respective constitutional procedures. The original instrument shall be deposited in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Argentine Republic which shall transmit authentic certified copies to the Governments for the aforementioned purpose of ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited in the archives of the Pan American Union in Washington, which shall notify the signatory governments of said deposit. Such notification shall be considered as an exchange of ratifications.

Art. 7. The present Convention will come into effect between the High Contracting Parties in the order in which they deposit their respective ratifications.

Art. 8. The present Convention shall remain in effect indefinitely but may be denounced by means of one year's notice given to the Pan American Union, which shall transmit it to the other signatory governments. After the expiration of this period the Convention shall cease in its effects as regards the party which denounces it but shall remain in effect for the remaining High Contracting Parties.

Art. 9. The present Convention shall be open for the adherence and accession of States which are not signatories. The corresponding instruments shall be deposited in the archives of the Pan American Union, which shall communicate them to the other High Contracting Parties.

In witness whereof, the above mentioned Plenipotentiaries sign the present Convention in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French, and hereunto affix their respective seals, at the City of Buenos Aires, Capital of the Argentine Republic, on the twenty-third day of the month of December, 1936.

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